

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An emulsified cosmetic composition comprising surface-hydrophobated water-absorbing polymer particles and water, wherein said surface-hydrophobated water-absorbing polymer particles comprise a crosslinked polymer.

Claim 2 (Original): The emulsified cosmetic composition according to claim 1, wherein the average particle diameter of the surface-hydrophobated water-absorbing polymer particles is 0.1 to 50  $\mu\text{m}$ .

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): The emulsified cosmetic composition according to claim 1, wherein the amount of water absorbed into the surface-hydrophobated water-absorbing polymer particles is 5 to 100 g/g.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): The emulsified cosmetic composition according to claim 1, which has a viscosity of 1,000 to 500,000 mPa·s.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The emulsified cosmetic composition according to claim 1, wherein the content of water is 30 to 95% by weight.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): The emulsified cosmetic composition according to claim 1, wherein the surface-hydrophobated water-absorbing polymer particles comprise water-absorbing polymer particles coated thereon with a silicone compound having at least one kind of a functional group.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): The emulsified cosmetic composition according to claim 1, which is an antiperspirant.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): A cosmetic comprising the ~~the~~ emulsified cosmetic composition ~~comprising surface-hydrophobated water-absorbing polymer particles and water~~ according to claim 1.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): A method of antiperspiration, ~~which comprises~~ comprising applying the ~~[[an]]~~ emulsified composition according to claim 1 ~~comprising~~ ~~surface-hydrophobated water-absorbing polymer particles and water~~ onto ~~[[the]]~~ skin.

Claim 10 (New): An emulsified cosmetic composition comprising surface-hydrophobated water-absorbing polymer particles and water, wherein said surface-hydrophobated water-absorbing polymer particles comprise a polymer or copolymer of hydrophilic vinyl monomers.

Claim 11 (New): The emulsified cosmetic composition according to claim 10, wherein the average particle diameter of the surface-hydrophobated water-absorbing polymer particles is 0.1 to 50  $\mu\text{m}$ .

Claim 12 (New): The emulsified cosmetic composition according to claim 10, wherein the amount of water absorbed into the surface-hydrophobated water-absorbing polymer particles is 5 to 100 g/g.

Claim 13 (New): The emulsified cosmetic composition according to claim 10, which has a viscosity of 1,000 to 500,000 mPa·s.

Claim 14 (New): The emulsified cosmetic composition according to claim 10, wherein the content of water is 30 to 95% by weight.

Claim 15 (New): The emulsified cosmetic composition according to claim 10, wherein the surface-hydrophobated water-absorbing polymer particles comprise water-absorbing polymer particles coated thereon with a silicone compound having at least one kind of a functional group.

Claim 16 (New): The emulsified cosmetic composition according to claim 10, which is an antiperspirant.

Claim 17 (New): A cosmetic comprising the emulsified cosmetic composition according to claim 10.

Claim 18 (New): A method of antiperspiration, comprising applying the emulsified composition according to claim 10 onto skin.

Claim 19 (New): The emulsified cosmetic composition according to claim 1, wherein the crosslinked polymer is a crosslinked polymer or copolymer of hydrophilic vinyl monomers.